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# Officer accused of ethics violations

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - An Agawam police officer is being accused of violating "conflict of interest" laws in his handling of an incident involving another officer two years ago.

In a report released early this

week by the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission, Lt. Edward McGovern was determined by the commission to have violated the law when he used his position as lieutenant of the police department to direct his subordinate officers to act in an inappropriate manner.

On June 29, 2012, McGovern was informed by his sergeant that an off-duty police officer, Danielle Petrangelo, had been stopped in her personal vehicle after being found to be traveling the wrong way on Route 5 in Agawam. Route 5 is a divided highway with two lanes on both sides of the road separated by a guard rail. The majority of this short highway is in West Springfield.

Petrangelo was stopped at 9:20 p.m. by the West Springfield police near the town border. After recognizing Petrangelo, Agawam police were called to the scene. One Agawam officer described Petrangelo as intoxicated, with bloodshot eyes and unsteady on her feet, the ethics report states.

The Agawam sergeant arrived at the scene and described Petrangelo as "annihilated" after smelling alcohol on her and observing her behavior.

McGovern went to the scene and told his officers he was concerned for Petrangelo's emotional state. He instructed one officer to bring Petrangelo home and another officer to bring her personal vehicle home. She was not charged with any crime and was not cited.

In March 2013, former District Attorney Mike Mastrioanni issued Please see ETHICS, page 6

#### CECCHI EARNS FARM CREDIT EAST SCHOLARSHIP



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Bob Wigmore, left, Farm Credit East senior loan officer, presents a Farm Credit East scholarship to Joseph Cecchi, of Agawam.

ENFIELD, Conn. - Farm Credit East, the Northeast's largest agricultural lending cooperative, recently awarded \$46,500 in college scholarships to 31 student recipients. Each student received a \$1,500 scholarship to apply towards his or her higher education.

scholarship is Joseph Cecchi, of Agawam.

Growing up on his family's farm, Cecchi has experienced agriculture from the seed planted to the harvest and sale to the consumer. He is currently majoring in sustainable food and farming at the University of Massachusetts Among those to be awarded this prestigious Stockbridge. Upon graduating, he hopes to commercial fishing

continue this family business now in its fifth generation. His ultimate goal is to become a bedding flower and vegetable farmer.

The Farm Credit East scholarship program is for college-bound students with career aspirations in agriculture, forest products and

#### School superintendent gets top marks in annual evaluation

By Mike Lydick Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - The town's education leader continues to receive high praise and top marks from school committee members who recently evaluated his performance.

School Superintendent William Sapelli received an overall rating of proficient in his annual evaluation in June. It is his second evaluation under a comprehensive evaluation process now required by the state. A proficient rating indicates Sapelli meets a "rigorous expected" level of performance.

The committee unanimously voted to approve Sapelli's overall rating - derived from individual

performance ratings by committee members on his progress toward goals and meeting specific standards – at its June 24 meeting.

Sapelli, along with all other educators, earns one of four overall ratings: needs improvement, unsatisfactory, proficient or exempla-

According to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), most

effective educators are expected to be rated "proficient" on a standard, not exemplary. Exemplary is reserved for educators -including superintendents - "whose practice in a particular area is so strong that it can be a model for others." Evaluation is evidence-based

Committee members evaluated Sapelli's performance and goals

based on a portfolio of relevant documents and materials contained in three-ring binders that he compiled and submitted for review. Each committee member's binder included "evidence-based" documents used to evaluate superintendent. Sapelli was evaluated

on his overall performance as superintendent and on his impact on student learning by assessing his progress in meeting goals in the areas of professional practice, student learning and district improve-

ment. Committee members selected one of five ratings – did not meet, some progress, significant progress, met or exceeded – to rate his progress.

Sapelli was also rated - needs improvement, unsatisfactory, proficient, or exemplary – for his performance in each of four standards (instructional leadership, management and operations, family and community engagement and professional culture).

Committee members assess superintendent's goals

In assessing Sapelli's progress in meeting his goal areas, committee members Roberta Doering, Carmino Mineo and Mayor Richard Cohen, committee chair, indicated Sapelli had met each

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### **Council** approves water rate increase

Despite large increase, rates still lower than many surrounding towns

> By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - The sewer rates are going up in Agawam, but they are still lower than several other surrounding communities according to the city council.

On Monday night, city councilors unanimously passed a rate increase along with increases in the water connection and service charges the town has. City Council President Christopher Johnson says he personally worked on developing the updated rate after being invited to participate in the process by the town administration.

"I worked with the superintendent of public works to come up with a five-year rate that I thought would be in the best interest of the townspeople," said Johnson.

Finance Sub-Committee Chairnan and City Councilor Joseph Mineo said his sub-committee had considered the possibility of a recommending look-backs at the sewer rate each year for the next five years to see if the rate should be moved. Johnson says the rate for five years is much better for the town.

"We carefully try to come up with a number that will make money during the first two years, and go about even in the third vear," said Johnson. "In the fourth and fifth years we would use the surplus from the first two years to balance everything. It is really a lot easier than coming to the taxpayers every year with an increase in their bills.'

For the next five years, the rate for residential use will be \$1.90 per 100 cubic feet for the first

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### Royal tea party benefits local breast cancer patient

By James Paleologopoulos

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Bodurtha Hall at the First Baptist Church of Agawam on Main Street was filled with princes and princesses last Saturday, July 12, as families attended a "Royal Tea Party" to benefit Feeding Hills resident Chrissie Marie Ryan, 32, as she receives treatment for breast cancer.

Dozens of families with young children made their way across the room, lining up to get their faces painted, caricatures drawn, or have their photos taken with volunteers dressed as popular Disney princes and princesses, like Jasmine and Cinderella, all in the name of benefitting Ryan and her family as they continue to recover.

A mother of three, Ryan was diagnosed with Stage 1 Ductal Carcinoma in Situ (DCIS) last November. After having a lumpectomy later that month, removing the bulk of the cancer, she started chemotherapy in January and though she "should be OK" in her own words, the process of surgery, chemo, and later, radiation has been strenuous.

"The chemo wasn't as hard as I thought (it would be)," said Ryan, with her daughters Annabelle, 6, and Kylie, 5, and son TJ, 1, in tow. "I got a lot of support from my family as my husband (Ben) shaved my head for me and Kylie picked up the hair."

Enter Julie Vooys of Feeding Hills, Ryan's long-time friend since high school, who happened upon the trend of "tea party" cancer benefits held for children and families to help support cancer patients in a fun environment.

After speaking with Ryan, Vooys proceeded to round up volunteers and more friends and before long, a "Royal Tea Party to Benefit Chrissie Ryan" was ready, complete with Disney princesses, activities and tables of desserts.

"We wanted to help them pay their bills and since she's a mother, we also wanted something fun for the kids that would also be for a good cause," Vooys said as she stood by the plastic bowling alley set up for the dozens of toddlers flocking from activity sta-



Pictured, from the left, at a Royal Tea Party benefit for Feeding Hills resident Chrissie Marie Ryan is Laura Tisdel-Andruss (Merida), Tony Andruss (Flynn), Jessica Cleveland (Rapunzel), Sami Nguyen (Mulan), Laura Markis (Jasmine), Van Luu (Snow White), Chrissie Ryan, Kylie Ryan, TJ Ryan, Marian Tombri (Princess Tiana), Jamie Wilson (Cinderella), Victoria Nguyen (Pocahontas), Jessica Camp (Anna) and Jeremy Cleveland (Pirate).

tion to station. "All the money raised today goes to her."

Through a combination of tickets sold at the door, a raffle drawing and donations from guests, all \$1,205 in proceeds went to the Ryan family that day as Chrissie Ryan found the support of her friends and locals to be "awesome" and motivating to her as she undergoes radiation.

"It's very motivating to me as well as my three kids," said Ryan. "The support's been very progressive, starting with my friends and family, and now I'm meeting friends I haven't seen since high school."

To help document her journey as well as build support for those who are also fighting cancer, Ryan set up a public Facebook page complete with updates on her treatment, words of courage and photos marking her own personal progress as well as her family. Attracting over 400 members, Ryan's story reaches out to many including Agawam native and West Springfield resident Tony Andruss, who, along with his wife, Laura Tisdel-Andruss, helped make the benefit possible

"Our friend Chrissie has breast cancer and as she goes through the difficult time of dealing with that, we came together as friends and decided to help out," said Andruss, dressed as the character "Flynn" from the Disney movie "Rapunzel."

A practiced actor with a number of friends in the theatre and business associates wanting to take part, Andruss brought with him an entire cast of princesses to the tea party, from Princess Jasmine (Laura Markis) from "Aladdin" to Pocahontas (Victoria Nguyen).





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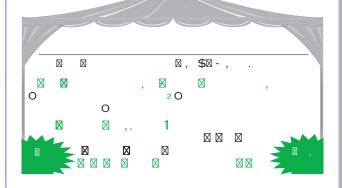
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"Built for Comfort," the next group to perform at the SummerFest concert series, had its roots at Agawam High School, then known at "Midnite."

### 'Built for Comfort' concert delivers rock, blues and more

"Built for Comfort," (BFC) a four-piece band serving western Massachusetts, northern Connecticut and points beyond, will perform at the Wednesday, July 23, edition of "SummerFest" beginning at 7 p.m.

Whether performing in electric or acoustic configurations, "Built for Comfort" promises to deliver a wide variety of music for your listening and dancing pleasure, including classic rock (the hits and the deep tracks), blues and some surprises mixed in.

Over the past 10 years, BFC has performed in a variety of venues including clubs, pubs, restaurants, weddings, benefits and corporate events across western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut. In 2013, BFC was one of the headliners of Zuccopalooza, a musical extravaganza organized to honor Jeff and Joseph Zucco. The event raised \$5,000 to support the efforts of the Community Music School of Springfield. "Zuccopalooza 2" is scheduled for Sept. 27.

The band's roots trace back to the late 1970s and the hallowed halls of Agawam High School with Doug Rossi, Frank Zucco and Steve Tapply performing as "Midnite." In 1979, the group disbanded, each member leaving to pursue different musical and life directions

In 2004, the three friends performed to-

gether for the first time in 25 years at the AHS class reunion. Shortly thereafter, they set out as a trio, performing locally under a new name, "Built for Comfort." In 2005, Jeff Kellogg, a longtime friend of Zucco, joined, making it a quartet, adding drums and background vocals, as well as sliding into the bass chair on acoustic gigs.

All SummerFest shows will be held on Veterans Green, 689 Main St., in front of Phelps Elementary School. In case of rain, concerts will be moved to the air-conditioned auditorium at the Agawam Junior High School at 1305 Springfield St.

The 2014 concerts are brought to the public free of charge by the following corporate sponsors: Agawam Advertiser/Turley Publications, Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Lions Club, Agawam Parks & Recreation, Agawam Rotary Club, Allied Flooring & Paint, Berkshire Power, Bolduc's Apparel, Canary Blomstrom Insurance Agency, Easthampton Savings Bank, FC Stars of Massachusetts, Hampden Bank, Holyoke Credit Union, King Ward Coach Lines, Lucia Lumber, Main Street Deli, Moren Signs, Olympic Manufacturing Group, Quality Auto, Reminder Publications, Republic Services, Sarat Ford, Ski Blandford, Westfield Bank, and WMAS 94.7.

# ICC to offer Italian language classes for adults

SPRINGFIELD – The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass, Inc. (ICC) will offer Italian language classes for adults this fall. A Beginner I level class will be offered Monday nights and will run from Sept. 8 through Nov. 17 (no class Oct. 13, Columbus Day). A Beginner II level class will be offered Tuesday nights and will run from Sept. 9 through Nov. 18 (no class Nov. 11, Veterans Day) and an Intermediate level class will be offered Thursday nights from Sept. 11 through Nov. 20.

All classes are from 6-8 p.m. for 10 weeks

and are held at the Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., Inc., 56 Margaret St., Springfield. Tuition is \$120 for ICC members and \$130 for non-members. The course book is available for \$20. Deadline for registration is Aug. 29. Registrations received after that date will be charged a \$25 late registration fee

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# Councilors seeking golf course investigation

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam City Council will decide next month whether or not to establish a committee to study the significant drop in revenue at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

According to Section 2-11 of the Agawam Home Rule Charter, the city council has the power to establish sub-committees that conduct investigations into the affairs or conduct of town entities.

City Council President Christopher Johnson has made no secret of his displeasure over the management of the town-owned golf course and the past use of funds without council approval.

Three weeks ago, the council reluctantly passed the budget for the golf course with their full fiscal year 2015 spending package. During the discussion, Councilor Gina Letellier attempted to cut the budget of the golf course to reflect the impending loss the course would finish with at the end of EY2014

Letellier's motion was withdrawn after Johnson told her it was too late in the process to make such a move, but Johnson, Letellier and Council Vice President Dennis Perry are all adamant that the management and business practices at the golf course must be investigated.

"I have a lot of questions about how they are handling the golf course," said Johnson Monday night. "Several other councilors also have similar questions about the lack of revenue at the golf course. It has been dropping significantly for several years."

During the budget process, Johnson and Letellier both expressed displeasure with taxpayers subsidizing the golf course budget. The golf course, in theory, is supposed to be a self-sustaining enterprise of the town.

"The original intent of the golf course when the town bought it was for it to be a stand-alone operation," said Johnson, "but golf has been slower in the past few years as has other recreation."

Johnson said the town used paving funds to re-pave the parking lot at the golf course. It was done without the council's approval, he said.

Letellier is questioning the business practices at the golf course, including why golf shirts were being sold at the pro shop at a loss and why there are 800 open "Groupon" discount coupons available online.

"There are a lot of poor decisions being made at the golf course, and no one is answering for them," she said.

Johnson says the council does not have the power to take any disciplinary action against the golf course, though the legislative body can deny any subsequent funding requests. The sub-committee, which would be composed of three councilors, would conduct an investigation into the business practices of the golf course. They could then make recommendations to the mayor's office on action that could be taken. Letellier said the sub-committee would likely utilize the city auditor and possibly get the state involved in the investigation.

During Monday night's regular city council meeting, City Councilor Cecilia Calabrese asked for the Community Relations Sub-Committee to be able to meet and weigh in on the sub-committee proposal. If approved, Johnson would appoint the members. Letellier has expressed interest in leading the committee.

The golf course cut their budget by more than \$104,000 to \$552,335 for FY2015. That same number is the projected revenue for the course in the coming year.

Mayor Richard Cohen said Tuesday morning he believes an investigation is unnecessary and blames the loss in revenue on the poor economic conditions as well as poor weather during the past two years. He said the golf course generated more than \$95,000 in revenue last month, \$30,000 more than in June 2013.

# **Lioness to host Mohegan Sun trip**

The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun Sunday, Sept. 7. Anyone interested in going is asked to be at the Agawam High School parking lot at noon. The bus will depart at 12:30 p.m., or sooner if everyone is present. The bus will arrive back at AHS at 8:15 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per person, which includes bus driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet voucher. Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. The public is invited. Early reservations are encouraged, as seats are limited. For reservations, call Pat at 786-1782 or Rose at 786-5134.





# **Opinion**

# Did you ride the 'Cyclone'?

During the past two weeks, Agawam Advertiser News readers have learned the famous Cyclone ride will be retiring this Sunday in a ceremony at Six Flags New England. Readers have also had the opportunity to learn about some of the history of the wooden roller coaster.

It's always sad to see such a historic attraction, event, or structure go away, especially one that has so many memories for the current adult generation not just in Agawam, but throughout Western Massachusetts.

While Six Flags New England is visited by people and groups from all over the northeastern United States, there was a time when Riverside Park was a neighborhood attraction that was loved by this area.

It is hard to believe that just 15 years ago, that Cyclone roller coaster was "biggest thrill" at the park. It was the largest roller coaster and had the steepest drop. Fast forward to now, we have "Superman," "Batman," and so many other roller coasters and thrill rides throughout the expanded Six Flags park.

But there is no taking away from the Cyclone and the memories brought so many readers. For many, that Cyclone and its sister wooden coaster the Thunderbolt was the first experience riding a roller coaster. That clicking of the trains on the wood and steel track that is considered historic by the American Coaster Enthusiasts.

No roller coaster Six Flags has constructed can give you that same classic feeling that the Cyclone could. And many that rode that coaster in the 1980s and 1990s will always remember that. Children in that era remember going to Riverside and waiting for that year where they surpassed the 54-inch height requirement to get on the ride.

But as technology advances, so must we. A wooden roller coaster, while providing a unique experience, is just too expensive to maintain. The steel roller coasters are expensive to build, but cheaper to maintain.

That is an unfortunate case as Six Flags continues to come forward with thrill after thrill. Ironically, the park opened its newest and perhaps their biggest thrill to date the Skyscreamer, right next to the retiring Cyclone.

But anyone who rides Cyclone in this final week will learn that no matter how many thrills they find at Six Flags, nothing beats a classic, and that's something Cyclone will be for years to come.

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### Milkweeds in bloom during July

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GARDEN

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Ihave one pesky "weed" that came with my perennial border: milkweed (Asclepias syriaca). Back at the old house I welcomed this butterfly plant in my back field. The globe-shaped clusters of creamy pink flowers smelled heavenly and it was always a load of fun for the kids to release the silky parachutes from ripe seedpods. In its present location, however, it is a nuisance, and springs up wherever a half-inch of root is left in the soil. I am hoping that by chopping off the top portion of the plant the roots will eventually run out of energy and it will be gone. Forever.

Butterfly weed (Asclepias tuberosa) on the other hand, is one of my favorite summer blooming perennials. It too is a member of the Asclepiadaceae, or milkweed family. Bright orange flowers create quite an impact in the early border. And true to its name, butterfly weed and milkweeds in general are loved by many species of our fluttering friends who will stop by to sip nectar from the plant when it is in full bloom. Why not consider growing this pretty, low maintenance native plant in your garden?

Butterfly weed grows naturally in open woods and meadows east of the Rocky Mountains from New England to Florida. In our gardens, it will thrive in a sunny spot in well-drained sandy soil, growing approximately two feet tall x two feet wide. Like other herbaceous perennials, butterfly weed will die back to the ground each fall and sprout again in the spring. It takes a bit longer to emerge than other plants, however, so marking its location each fall may be a good idea. Otherwise accidental cultivation may injure tender sprouts and fleshy taproots.

Elongated green seedpods follow after a month or more of bloom. These will mature and like their weedy cousin, eventually split open to release silky "parachutes" attached to dark brown seeds. To harvest your own seeds do before they are blown across the countryside! Simply separate the silk from the seed, and store in an envelope in a dry location for sowing next spring. Fresh seed harvested in this manner will germinate dependably without left to mature and drop from the plant, "volunteers" will show up in the garden and in adjacent flowerbeds. These babies, as well as those you start yourself, will take at least two seasons to flower. Move them only when young, since taproots on mature plants don't transplant well. Once established the

Butterfly weed has few problems or pests. In my garden it will occasionally get orange aphids. You can easily spot them in tiny masses clinging to the

stems of the plant. A spray of soapy water will smother the insects. Give them their bath in the evening to prevent burning the leaves in the hot sun. Crown rot is another problem that may occur. Usually this is prevented by properly siting the plant in well-drained soil.

Are orange flowered plants too bold for your taste? If so, try growing Swamp Milkweed (Asclepias incarnata) instead. "Soulmate" is a bit easier on the eyes. Growing three to four feet tall, this cultivar blooms rose-purple and makes a wonderfully fragrant cut flower. It also prefers full sun, but likes soil on the moist-side.

Speaking of cut flowers, it is not necessary to sear the ends of your milkweeds stems before enjoying them in the vase. This old advice was commonly given to prevent the white latex sap from adulterating the water for the rest of the flowers in the arrangement. Instead, simply plunge the fresh cut stem into a bucket of water. Once in the house, put them in warm water for a few minutes, then into cool tap water. Processed in this manner you should enjoy the blooms for a week or more at average room temperature.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 24 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist as Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food, as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to dfarmer@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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# Public Safety ——Fire Log

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 71 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from July 8 to July 14.

On July 8 at 10:42 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for public service assistance, other.

On July 8 at 1:30 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for public service assistance, other.

On July 8 at 5:51 p.m., the department responded to Northwood Street for water or steam leak.

On July 9 at 3:20 p.m., the department responded to Barry Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On July 9 at 10:14 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On July 10 at 9:12 a.m., the department responded to River Road rotary, dispatched and canceled en route.

On July 10 at 10:03 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street, dispatched and canceled en route.

On July 10 at 10:07 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On July 10 at 12:47 p.m., the department responded to Maple Meadows Lane for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On July 11 at 3:44 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street to assist police or other governmental agency.

On July 11 at 3:56 p.m., the department

responded to Bowles Road for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On July 11 at 9:05 p.m., the department responded to Lincoln Street for unauthorized burning.

On July 12 at 1:43 a.m., the department responded to Maple Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On July 12 at 6:54 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On July 12 at 2:47 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor to assist invalid

On July 12 at 5:27 p.m., the department responded to Pheasant Hill Drive for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On July 12 at 6:45 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for central station, malicious false alarm.

On July 12 at 9:17 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street and William Street for false alarm or false call, other.

On July 13 at 1:40 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for unauthorized burning.

On July 13 at 1:59 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for public service assistance, other.

On July 13 at 4:17 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

On July 14 at 2:40 a.m., the department responded to Cambridge Street for public service assistance, other.



From the left, Shane Connor, Chris Rumplick, Paul Hotaling, Mason Hollander, Brian Keefe, Garrett Hollander and Joe Russo display Red Cross comfort kits assembled as an Eagle Scout service project for Hollander.

### **Red Cross receives donation from Eagle Scout candidate**

Mason Hollander, a member of Boy Scout Troop 82 in Agawam and an Eagle Scout candidate, hosted a community service project Thursday, June 26, that resulted in a donation of 600 comfort kits to the American Red Cross.

"This donation was very timely, as responses to several recent fires had left our stock of comfort kits depleted," said Mary Nathan, Red Cross disaster program manager. "The Red Cross relies on the donations made by people like Mason, and he is greatly appreciated."

In January of this year, Mason approached Nathan about doing a project that would benefit people in need. Mason learned that each person who is displaced from their home by a disaster receives an age- and gender-appropriate comfort kit from the Red Cross con-

taining toiletries and personal hygiene items to help them feel more comfortable during their transition.

After learning about the need, Mason decided to solicit materials from local hotels, dentists and other vendors to gather enough materials to create comfort kits. For items that Mason could not collect, he accepted a monetary donation from Smith & Wesson and also held a bottle and can drive enabling him to secure everything that he needed to produce the kits.

Mason oversaw a group of his fellow scouts and leaders as they took the materials he had gathered and assembled over 600 comfort kits including 200 specifically for children. For more information about the Red Cross and community service opportunities, visit www.redcross.org.

### POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 368 calls for service from July 8 to July 14. The department made 12 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

#### Tuesday, July 8

Demetrios J. Gravanas, 46, of 427 Garden St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of violating an abuse prevention order.

Laura I. Gonzalez, 36, of 101 Pheasant Hill Drive, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Luis Valle, 32, of 107 Pheasant Hill Drive, Apt. 1R, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

#### Wednesday, July 9

Robert Kelley, 40, of 345 Main St., Plainfield, was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery, intimidation of a witness, manufacturing, distribution and cultivation of a Class D substance, and possession to distribute Class D drug.

#### Thursday, July 10

William Garrett Gabel, 23, of 105 Edward St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, threat to commit a crime, domestic assault, and two counts of cruelty to an animal.

Friday, July 11
Robert Racco, 24, of 632 Belmont Ave.,

Apt. 3, Springfield, was arrested on charges of receiving a stolen motor vehicle, receiving stolen property over \$250, and operating a motor vehicle with license suspended.

Jean Burgos, 21, of 143 Carver St., Apt.

Jean Burgos, 21, of 143 Carver St., Apt. 2, Springfield, was arrested on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250 and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Tyler Soukup, 23, of 136 South Longyard Road, Southwick, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, motor vehicle lights violation, possession of open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with license suspended subsequent offense, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

#### Saturday, July 12

John L. Gryszan, 51, of 27 Maple St., Easthampton, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

A juvenile from Hartford, Conn. was arrested on a charge of shoplifting by asportation and assault and battery.

Carrie Pouliot, 35, of 102 Druid Hill Road, Springfield, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

#### Sunday, July 13

Daniel S. Walence, 26, of 48 George St., West Springfield, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

# Senate passes environmental bond bill

BOSTON – The Senate last week unanimously passed a bill providing for the preservation and improvement of land, parks and clean energy in the Commonwealth, Sen. Don Humason (R-2nd Hampden and Hampshire District) announced.

"This bill will authorize the governor of the Commonwealth to spend funds on these very worthwhile and necessary projects," Humason said. "I was happy to work with local leaders and municipalities to identify projects in need of funding throughout my district. It is gratifying to see the projects I advocated for included in the final Senate version of the bill."

Humason secured the following district priorities in the bill:

- \$1,000,000 for the completion of the downtown corridor phase of the Columbia Greenway project in the city of Westfield;

- \$1,000,000 to protect public health and reduce the existing threat of sewerage overflow discharged into the Connecticut River as part of the Dwight/Heritage/Front street combined sewer improvement project in the city of Holyoke;

- \$10,000,000 to clean up the Connecticut River:

- \$350,000 to construct storm water improvements to improve the quality of water entering the Little River and Westfield River in the area of Mainline Drive and United States highway Route 20 in city of Westfield;

- \$600,000 for engineering, planning, construction and related infrastructure for storm water drainage management at Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport;

- \$1,200,000 for flooding control, dredging and eradication of nonnative plat species at Canal brook, an outlet of Lake Congamond in the town of Southwick.

The Senate and House will now produce a compromise bill for final passage and consideration of the governor.

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#### Council approves water rate increase

#### WATER, from page 1

4,000 cubic feet and then \$2.38 per 100 cubic feet thereafter. All other users, including residential irrigation systems, will be charged at a rate of \$2.38 per 100 cubic feet.

Mineo said the sub-committee had met twice on the matter. His committee wanted more information about where Agawam's rate compared to other towns. A compilation of 19 surrounding towns showed Agawam's current rate of \$1.36 per 100 cubic feet for the first 4,000 cubic feet was

"After making this rate change, there are still about 12 or 13 other towns that are higher than us," said Councilor Gina Letellier.

The rate increase is approximately 40 percent and the largest rate increase the town has imposed since implementing the sewer system. But the rate increases were also necessary to sustain the water department. Further, Johnson proposed increases to water services such as service connections, water matter installations and compound turbo water meter installations. The rates were increased for all services.

Basic connections for a 5/8-inch water meter is \$375, up from \$320. A 3/4-inch meter is \$390, up from \$350. The fees range up to \$1,805 for a for a 2-inch water meter, up from

"We wanted to update the service charges so they are in line with the cost of the job," said Johnson. "If we don't update these, then the rate payers are subsidizing the services.

After learning of Agawam's standing with other towns, the sub-committee made a 3-0 recommendation to the full

The sewer rates will be made effective Sept 1. They were last updated in 2009. The full water rates will be posted on the town's website at www.agawam.ma.us.

#### Officer accused of ethics violations

#### ETHICS, from page 1

a statement criticizing the Agawam Police Department for giving Petrangelo a "built-in" defense by not citing her for her conduct. Without a citation, Mastrioanni's office had no

As a result of the incident, Mayor Richard Cohen ordered an internal investigation, which was completed by then lieutenant and now Police Chief Eric Gillis. His report was released when requested by the media in March 2013. The report concluded stating Petrangelo was clearly intoxicated on June 29, 2012, and she jeopardized her safety and the motoring public as well.

"That her actions did not result in a devastating tragedy is simply miraculous, and we as a Department and as a community need to consider ourselves lucky this incident concluded the way that it did," the report states.

The ethics report states McGovern was the highest ranking officer present and therefore responsible for the scene. It also referenced the report by Mastrioanni and states Petrangelo received preferential treatment by Agawam police based on her status as an officer.

"The failure of officers to issue a citation at the scene precludes the district attorney from pursuing a criminal complaint against the driver," the report states.

Town officials, including Cohen and Gillis, have declined to comment on the ethics report at this time because the investigation is ongoing and is a personnel matter.

Petrangelo is no longer employed by the town.



# **Agawam Library offers** summer adult programs

lowing upcoming adult programs.

Monday, July 21, 7 p.m. - "Harvesting Your Garden" with Rich Giordano

Giordano will present a program on garden harvesting, including vegetable selections that are more conducive to simple storage. Learn about picking sweet corn in December, winter squash that keeps for 1½ years on the kitchen floor, forcing live winter greens, tips for timing harvest and curing for maximum storage time. He will demonstrate how to pack away carrots (or any biennial root crop) with one of his root cellar boxes and bring some of his homemade "shrub" (a delicious fruit concentrate) for tasting.

Giordano manages All Hill Farm in West Brookfield, maintains and manages the historic Herb Garden at Old Sturbridge Village (OSV), which contains over 400 historically significant plants and teaches classes to thousands of OSV visitors each year.

Tuesday, July 29, 6:30 p.m. - "The World of Rare Books" presented by Michael C. Dooling

Dooling will present an overview of the rare book world and bring several books and manuscripts from various periods and items with different bindings and illustrators. Discussion topics will include "Medieval Manuscripts," "Vellum and Paper," "First Editions," "Rare Book Libraries" and "What Makes A Book Collectible?"

Dooling has been a rare book collector and dealer for

The Agawam Public Library has announced the fol- over 35 years. His areas of interest include Americana, early printing, fine bindings, local history, nautical, science and medicine, travel and exploration, and original handwritten diaries and manuscripts. He is also the author of four books. For more information, visit www. michaelcdooling.com.

Thursday, July 31, 7 p.m. - "Nature Photography" presented by Naturalist John Green

Green will present a nature photography slide show that features landscapes, water, flowers, birds and fireflies, all the way from Newfoundland and Southern Quebec, Alaska, seven western states, Florida and northern New England, with most of the photos from the Connecticut River Valley. Green still uses film and no flash when taking his photos.

Green has been photographing nature for over 40 years. He's been featured on television and his print work has been exhibited widely throughout the Pioneer Valley. An interpretive naturalist, he is skilled in bird and plant identification and has a working knowledge of mammals, insects, reptiles and amphibians. He teaches workshops in nature photography and leads nature walks throughout the Pioneer Valley.

To register for any of the above programs, call 789-1550 ext. 4 or register online at www.agawamlibrary.

#### School superintendent gets top marks in annual evaluation

#### **EVALUATION**, from page 1

goal. Diane Juzba, vice chair, also indicated Sapelli had met his professional practice and student learning goals, but had made "significant progress" toward meeting his district im-

Both Shelley Reed and Wendy Rua were in agreement that Sapelli had exceeded his professional practice and student learning goals and had met his district improvement goals.

Anthony Bonavita rated Sapelli as having exceeded all of his goal areas. He also gave Sapelli an exemplary rating for all four standards.

In assessing Sapelli's performance on standards, Juzba and Rua both rated Sapelli as exemplary for the management and operations standard. Juzba also rated Sapelli's performance for professional culture as exemplary while Rua assessed his performance as exemplary for family and community engagement.

Juzba rated Sapelli as proficient for the instructional leadership and family and community engagement standards while Rua rated Sapelli as proficient for instructional leadership and professional culture. Reed only rated Sapelli's performance for the professional culture standard, which was exem-

plary. She did not check any box for the other three standards on the evaluation form.

Cohen, Doering and Mineo all rated Sapelli as proficient rating for his performance in all four standards.

#### Leadership skills earn high praise

In the comments section of the evaluation form, which was not used to determine the overall rating, several committee members expressed high praise for Sapelli's work as

Juzba called Sapelli "an exemplary superintendent" in every way. She said he continues to move the district forward for the betterment of all students and has successfully negotiated contracts with the five school employee bargaining units during "some fiscally tight times."

Added Juzba, "He has a calm yet direct manner that I feel is a great quality for a leader."

Rua remarked that Sapelli leads by example - "and the

example that he sets can be described as professional, respectful, forward thinking, comprehensive, and diligent." She said the "monumental" successes of Agawam's students reflect the district's commitment to put children first - and that starts with the example Sapelli sets as an "outstanding superintendent."

Bonavita lauded Sapelli's presentational analysis and leadership in handling the school budget.

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- School Committee member Anthony Bonavita.

#### A 'top-notch administrator'

Bonavita called Sapelli a "top-notch administrator," writing that he does an excellent job working with teachers, parents, students, fellow administrators and school committee members.

Doering commented in her evaluation that Agawam is "very fortunate" to have Sapelli as its superintendent.

Reed called Sapelli an "excellent" superintendent who is an "asset" to the district. She wrote that Sapelli is committed to a "high standard" of professionalism and is a "strong" communicator.

"Managing conflict is something he does extremely well," commented Reed. "He has strong interpersonal skills and values that enable him to manage conflict constructively with respect to all parties involved.'

Neither Cohen nor Mineo provided any written comments on their evaluation forms.

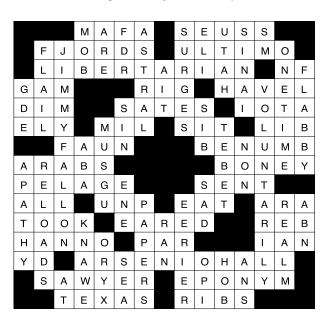
Sapelli said the feedback provided by the evaluation process is important for him to grow professionally and to continue his efforts to help the district move forward.

'This evaluation is a reflection of what I do, but what I do is based on the people I have around me," he said.

Sapelli added that he has "a great team" in the central office as well as directors and principals in each school. He said he also appreciates the support of committee members. "You've encouraged funding - appropriate funding - which has helped immensely," he told the committee.

"We're in a good place. Everybody's working together -and that's what helps make a good school system."





# <u>Seniors</u>

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#### Weekly calendar of events

Monday, July 21: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, July 22: SHINE Representative Available (by appt.); Summer Exercise program; 9 a.m., Shuffleboard (meet at St. John's courts); 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("Nebraska"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, July 23: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 Meeting; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, July 24: Summer Exercise Program; No Quilting Today; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Freed Blood Pressure Check; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, July 25: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage, Ice Cream Social; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

#### Lunch menu

Monday, July 21: Hamburg and gravy over mashed potatoes, carrots, plums.

Tuesday, July 22: Ham salad cold plate (tomato, cucumber, carrots), garlic stick, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, July 23: Roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, peaches.

cranberry sauce, peaches.

Thursday, July 24: Veal parmesan, pasta and sauce, garden salad, pudding.

Friday, July 25: Tuna casserole, cucumber dill salad, baked good.

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# In the Classroom

# Campus Motes...

**Assumption College:** Cristina Zaffetti, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

College of the Holy Cross: Emily Davenport, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

**Curry College:** Kevin Fruwirth, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

**Endicott College:** Kara E. Franqueza, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

Fairfield University: Chloe Scherpa, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

Roger Williams University: Megan Breault and Jacque-

line Bakhtiar, of Feeding Hills, graduated at ceremonies held in May.

Shavon Ennis, of Agawam, and Jacqueline Bakhtiar, David Balise, Megan Breault, Joshua Jacques and Allison Weiner, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

**Siena College:** Elizabeth Gloster, of Agawam, and Cameron Paleologopoulos, of Feeding Hills, were named to the president's list and dean's list for the spring semester. They also graduated at ceremonies held in May.

University of Massachusetts Amherst: Jamie Corriveau, of Feeding Hills, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting at the Isenberg School of Management.

Andrew S. Ellsworth, Christopher P. Camp, Erik C. Goodhue, James R. Regnier, Jesse Armfield, Joseph E. Cecchi, Kaeli E. Howard, Kara M. McCormick, Kirk J. Mackinnon, Lukas M. Buiso, Shaylene J. Riley, Stephanie M. Karrasch, and William C. Howe, of Agawam; and Abigail E. Asselin, Carley A. Pelletier, Cassidy T. Cunningham, Charles M. Haggerty II, Danielle M. Kodess, David G. Morin, Dee-Ann E. McCarthy, Kevin F. Kozikowski, Kirk J. Castonguay, Maxine C. Dudek, Michael R. Stempel, Michael V. Vilkhovoy, Molly A. Uzar, and Piotr Peryeu, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

# DISABILITY COMMISSION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



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Agawam Disability Commission Chairperson Jean Carter, right, is pictured with Agawam High School graduates Katherine Paltz and Chris Rumplick, who each were awarded \$1,500 scholarships from the commission.

#### Residents named to Holyoke Catholic honor roll

The following local residents were among those to be named to the fourth quarter honor roll at Holyoke Catholic High School in Chicopee:

Grade 12: First Honors - Lauren Malone, Simiao (Samira) You. Second Honors - Gary Chirgwin, Benjamin Modzelesky, Reile Plante.

Grade 11: Second Honors - Lauren Muszynski. Honor-

able Mention - Amanda Rose Benoit, Jude Giordano, Arbaaz Khan.

Grade 10: First Honors - Meredyth Clifford, Natalie Koziol, Abaigeal Malouin.

Grade 9: First Honors - Lauren Fedor, Alexa Keough, Brian Modzelesky.

# **Weekly Newspaper Editor Sought**

he Agawam Advertiser News, a weekly newspaper with an office in Feeding Hills, MA, is seeking a managing editor to handle day-to-day operations. The preferred candidate will possess strong management, organizational and people skills; editorial experience in news and feature reporting, including writing, editing, assigning, photography, and social media content; have the ability and willingness to represent the newspaper in the community through coverage of meetings/events and involvement in community activities.

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# **Families**

# KidsFest program brings magic to the stage



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The next performance of the 2014 edition of KidsFest will feature magician Andrew Pinard, July 23 at 11 a.m.

Andrew J. Pinard will bring "Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe," a one-man, stand-up magic show, to the stage at the next KidsFest performance, Wednesday, July 23, at 11 a.m. KidsFest is brought to the public free of charge by the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department along with support from local businesses.

In his show, award-winning entertainer Pinard offers a whimsical mix of theatre, sleight-of-hand, comedy and storytelling. Blending classic magic and comedy with a little help from volunteer assistants, he draws spectators into his zany world of wonder where they leave the mundane world behind and inhabit a magical realm of the impossible and absurd where nothing is what it seems.

Pinard has performed his unique brand of magic and comedy for thousands of delighted audiences throughout New England. "Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe" has been featured throughout the Northeast, including performances at the Warner Fall

Foliage Festival, the Stratham Fair, the Caledonia County Fair, the Moondance Festival, Revels North, the Strolling of the Heifers in Brattleboro, Vermont ComedyWorks, the Sandwich Fair, First Night Wolfeboro and First Night New Hampshire.

In case of rain, KidsFest concerts will be cancelled.

The 2014 concerts are brought to the public by the following corporate sponsors: Agawam Advertiser/Turley Publications, Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Lions Club, Agawam Parks & Recreation, Agawam Rotary Club, Allied Flooring & Paint, Berkshire Power, Bolduc's Apparel, Canary Blomstrom Insurance Agency, Easthampton Savings Bank, FC Stars of Massachusetts, Hampden Bank, Holyoke Credit Union, King Ward Coach Lines, Lucia Lumber, Main Street Deli, Moren Signs, Olympic Manufacturing Group, Quality Auto, Reminder Publications, Republic Services, Sarat Ford, Ski Blandford, Westfield Bank, and WMAS 94.7.

# Storrowton Village to host interactive tour

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Storrowton Village will present an interactive, educational tour titled, "Storrowton and the Civil War," Tuesday, July 22, from 6-7 p.m., offering an inside look at how folks in the Northeast coped with the Civil War and the absence of our men who were called to duty or joined the patriotic fervor.

Participants will meet "townspeople" and hear their personal stories and points of view regarding the Civil War. Storrowton Village volunteers will be portraying the characters of the time as our visitors travel through the Village's historic buildings meeting residents, shopkeepers, farmers, family members and tradesmen along the way, all with information and their own experiences to share.

The storytelling tour recognizes the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Those who are intrigued and fascinated by Civil War history and want to learn more about life during this period are urged to attend this unique and educational learning experience. This is the fourth program held in 2014 and Storrowton will be adding one more tour in the fall due to its popularity.

Reservations are required and the price to attend is \$7 per person. The program contains vivid descriptions of wartime violence and injury that may not be suitable for young audiences. Those interested may call the Village at 413-205-5051 or email storrow@ TheBigE.com for more information.

### AHS Class of '79 plans reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1979 will hold its "25 + 10" – 35th class reunion Saturday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. The event will take place at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., (formerly Alexander's Restaurant), Feeding Hills.

Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased by mail. Checks made

payable to Agawam High School Class of 1979 may be mailed to Eileen Hurley, 2093 Westfield St., West Springfield, MA 01089-2073.

For more information, email Lisa Allen at lisaallen1618@yahoo.com, Sue Deitelbaum Mulkern at Rosevine61@ aol.com or Lori Andruss-Jewell at Andruss26@comcast.net.

#### Fundraiser scheduled for local mom

A fundraising dinner for Heather (Moreau) Gingras is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, from 5-8 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Heather is a young mother with interstitial pulmonary fibrosis, for which her only treatment is a lung transplant

The menu is a pasta dinner served by the Agawam Lions Club with salad, bread, des-

sert, and coffee, tea and fruit punch. The night's event will include raffle prizes, a 50/50 drawing and a bake sale.

Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$10 per person for adults. Children 6 and under will eat free with adult admission. For tickets, information and donations, contact JoAnn Juthe at (413) 786-1403 or charl.cameron@yahoo.com.

# Girl Scouts alum invited to anniversary celebration

Camp Bonnie Brae in East Otis, the longest, most continuously run Girl Scout camp in the United States, will celebrate its 95th anniversary Saturday, Aug. 2. Check in time is 9-9:45 a.m. and will be ongoing until noon. The flag ceremony will begin at 10 a.m.

Past, present and future campers, staff and their families are invited to join this lakeside celebration in the Berkshires, hosted by Bonnie Brae alumnae. Come and reminisce about your camping days by participating in camp activities such as hiking, boating and swimming.

A special guest will share a unique perspective of the long-lasting impact of the camp experience as well as camp history. The event will also include a campfire, wishboat ceremony, and s'mores.

Participants can register for just the day, stay for dinner, or stay overnight. For more information and registration, visit website www.gscwm.org.



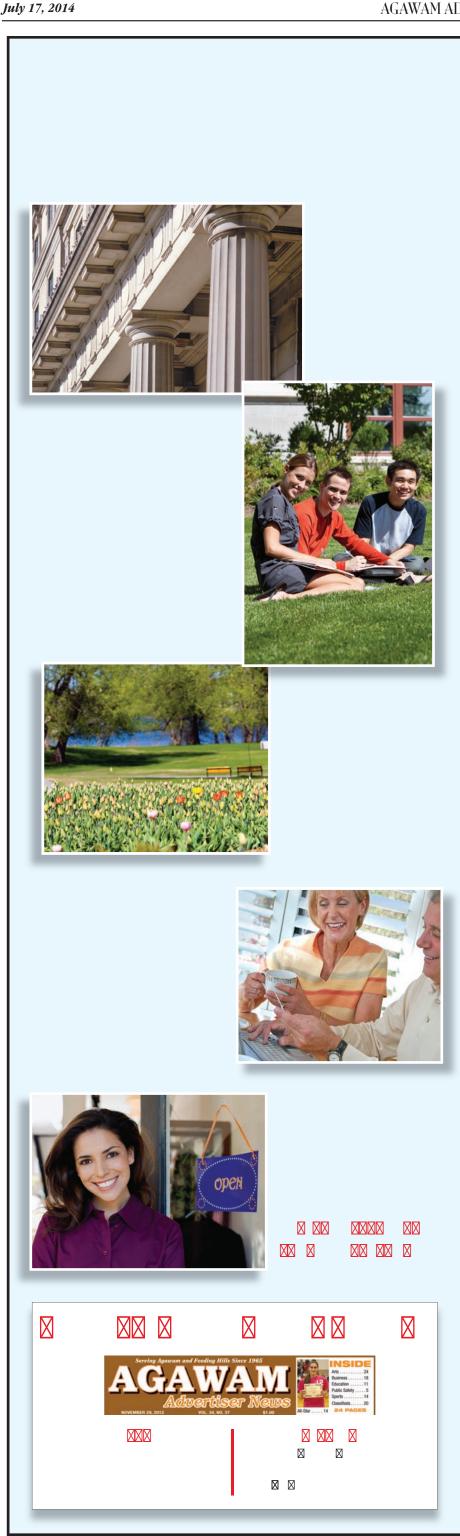


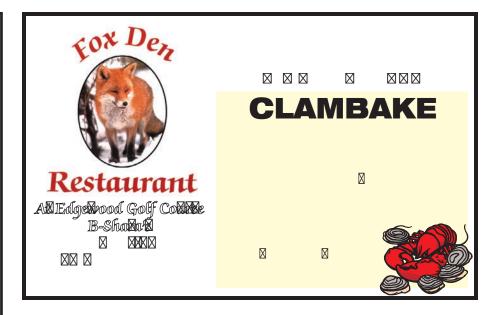














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# **Business**

#### TOP PRODUCERS







Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty and manager of the Park Square Feeding Hills office, announced the Agawam/ Feeding Hills topproducing agents for the second quarter of 2014. They are, from the left, Kim Landry, Judy Gearing and Jeanne Garvin. Park Square Realty is a locally-owned company with 45 agents and two locations in Feeding Hills and Westfield.

# Legal Notices

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS **LEGAL** ADVERTISEMENT June 12, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Conference Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on Monday, July 28, 2014 at 6:30PM for all parties interested in the appeal of Soldier On Development & Management Co and Soldier On Veteran Village II which is seeking a revision to a previously granted Comprehensive Permit (Case # 1909, dated January 14, 2013) in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40B, Sections 20-23 to construct a separate single story building at the premises identified as 702 South Westfield Street

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Agawam Board of Appeals 7/10,7/17/14

#### **AGAWAM** CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Dragon Paradise LLC for property located at 270 Main Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman Agawam Conservation Commission 7/17/14

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD13P0814PM In the Interests of: John J Moriarty Of: Agawam, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/ **Protected Person** CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF

**PERSON** To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by: Michael A Moriarty of Chicopee, MA Gerard D Moriarty of West Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Conservator of the Respond-

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INCAPACITATED

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/ or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/ or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

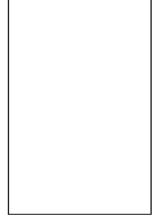
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 08/06/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 09, 2014

Suzanne T Seguin Register of Probate 7/17/14



#### 'SONNY TO THE 6TH'



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"Sonny to the 6th," a band consisting of Agawam children between the ages of 8 and 13, performed at Pizzeria Uno in Springfield on June 14. The band was formed during a Band Jam session given by Music Speaks in Feeding Hills, where the children are students. Band members are (back row, from the left), Haley Sotolotto, vocals; Jessica Reed, keyboard; Bella Hastings, vocals; and Alex Marino, drums; and (front row) Talan Morello, drums; and Sonny Pioggia, bass and guitar.

#### **Crafters wanted** for upcoming show

Crafters interested in exhibiting at the eighth Annual Wheels and Whiskers Benefit Car Show scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 10, in Westfield can email tow24@ juno.com or call Gary at 562-1346. Cost is \$10 per space.

#### St. John's Travelers to host New London trip

St. John's Travelers will host a trip to the historic Garde Arts Theatre in New London, Conn., for the "Shoji Tabuchi Show" Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Cost is \$99 per person and includes roundtrip deluxe motor coach, a visit the USS Nautilus, lower level seats for the show with its 15-piece orchestra, full-course luncheon at Rocky's Aqua and driver gratuity.

The bus will leave St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam at 9:30 a.m. and will return at 6:30

For information and reservations, contact Emile Coté at (413) 335-9440.

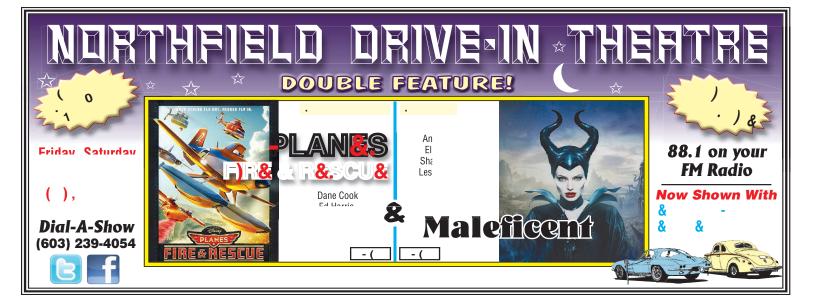
### **West Side Arts Festival** scheduled for Aug. 2

WEST SPRINGFIELD - Celebrating its second year, the West Springfield Arts Council, partnered with West Springfield Park and Recreation, has announced that this year's Fine Arts Festival will take place Saturday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. (rain date, Sunday, Aug. 3, same times). This is a juried show. In addition to the fine arts and crafts

categories, photography has been added as a separate category. Artists from all over the northeast will be exhibiting.

Food and music will be a part of this year's festival. Admission is free. For more information, contact Rita Petersen, event coordinator, at (413) 732-8630.





**Alive & Well** 

# Arts

# Red Door Theatre summer camps give kids time to shine

**By James Paleologopoulos** *Turley Publications Correspondent* 

AGAWAM – Laughs, magic and trolls were abound last Friday as Kit & Kaboodle, Inc.'s, Camp A acting group performed "A Grimm By Any Other Name" written and directed by Marilene Allen, the first of several summer camps held at the Red Door Theatre throughout the month of July and August.

Performed before a near-sold out crowd at the 120-seat theatre, the group of eight to fifteen year olds told the story of Jack (played by Caleb Madden) and Morgan Grimm (Amelia Rutt), two descendants of famed-storyteller, Wilhelm Grimm, who find themselves in the land of fairy tales after the evil Maleficent (Erin Curd) kidnaps Morgan in an attempt to reassemble a magic box that, in the hands of a Grimm, will give one whatever their "heart's desire."

Entering its eighth year, the Kit & Kaboodle one-week camps for children and teenagers typically run from Monday to the production's final show later that weekend. Participants range from young actors who've been with the production company for years to newcomers looking to take the stage for the very first time.

"From Monday to Friday, we teach the newer children how to act on a stage, how to react to other actors, where to move around..." said camp counselor and stage manager Ben Rodriguez. "It's a slow, gradual process, and they're awesome."

Being involved with the Red Door Theatre since 2007, Rodriguez, 18, works with the camp's other staff to teach kids the basics of acting such as playing a character, memorizing lines and stage delivery, all over the span of five days before each camp's two shows.

It's a packed week but for someone interested in working with children as a career, Rodriguez enjoys working with the young thespians as they prepare to perform for their families and friends.

"I love being a camp counselor," he said. "I love working with kids; it's awesome, and I actually want to be a teacher, so it gives me great experience."

Assisting the production even further, Rodriguez took to the stage himself as a zombie minion along with his fellow counselors, playing side characters who help put the spotlight on the program's participants which is what the program's all about according to the play's co-director and program co-founder, Lyle Pearsons.

"We had a lot of young ones in this production, a lot of 8- and 9-year-olds, and the show brought out the best in them, even for those who were doing their first show," Pearsons said. "They had a great time, and when push comes to shove, that's what it's



The Grimms and the forces of good storm Maleficent's lair



Plotting in the evil chambers are, from the left, Nicole Dougerty, Ashley Stebbins, Clark Muth, Lizza Walsh, Sammy Parnin, Gabrielle Smigiel, Lizzy Walsh, Luke Dukette, Drake Muth, Luke Madden and Stephen Heald.

all about."

A core belief of Pearsons' and the company, giving children the opportunity to act and perform before a large group of people can be an enlightening one, giving an adolescent crucial self-confidence in themselves as they move on in school and other phases of their life where tools on the stage can come in handy.

"Whether it's in school, a job interview, speaking with somebody; you develop self-confidence in yourself, and that's a great tool to have." Pearsons said.

It's a tool that some young Red Door veterans like Erin Curd, 14, have been building

since they began acting at a young age. Taking command of her evil forces as Maleficent, including an ogre leader, Smash (Luke Dukette), a werewolf (Clark Muth), and other Disney villains like Lady Tremaine (Meg Yelle Omer) from Cinderella, Curd's been acting since age 7, calling the Red Door program a great experience, especially for those who want to learn to better express emotion.

"One of my favorite things about acting is having a way to display emotions," Curd said following the Friday show. "A lot of people have trouble doing that, and acting gives them a chance to get into another character and better express themselves."

With Camp A complete, the Red Door Theatre moves on to its next production and camp this week with Camp B presenting "To Oz and Back" by Lyle Pearsons. Shows are scheduled for July 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on July 19 and 20.

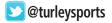
In addition to that, two more camps for teens ages 10 to 15 are scheduled on the following two weeks, Camp C ("The Princess in the Iron Helmet") and Camp D ("The Mystery of Griswald Theatre"). Junior camps for kids ages 5-9 will run from the July 28-Aug. 1 and Aug. 11-15.



Jack (Caleb Madden) duels with Maleficient's champion, the immortal Koschei (Drake Muth).



The Evil Queen, Mother Gothel, the Snow Queen and Lady Tremaine commiserate.



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# Agawam battles to end versus Westfield

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - It was a difficult end to the all-star tournament as Agawam's 11-12 Little League All-Stars were defeated in the District 2 Championship 11-1 last Friday night at Paper Mill School in

It was a rematch for Agawam against Westfield National, which beat Agawam 4-2 during the pool play phase of the District 2 tournament.

But in the rematch, Agawam

simply could not get out of the gate and Westfield National scored early and often to run away with

Westfield National pitcher Ethan Flaherty completely silence Agawam in this game. He all but shutout Agawam as Laine Page scored on an error for the game's only run.

Agawam only had a few small threats during the game, but Flaherty continuously squashed each one.

Westfield had a 2-0 lead after just one inning, taking advantage of a few hits to get quick runs to start the game.

Agawam was limited to just four hits in the game. Nate Mateus, Andrew Sullivan, and Dylan Sliech all had singles for Agawam.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Walter Figureoa finished the game with an RBI hit to give Westfield National the 11-1 lead. The 10-run mercy kicks in after four innings and the game was deemed completed.

Agawam struggled at the plate, but did play well on defense.

Agawam had an excellent run in the district playoffs this year after failing to qualify for the district playoffs last season. Agawam was able to win their first three games of pool play, beating Belchertown, Southampton, and Easthampton.

They were then matched up against Westfield National, looking for a clean sweep and the ability to host a district playoff game. But Westfield National picked up the win sending Agawam to play in the District 2 semifinals against the Westfield American team.

It was a slugfest last Wednesday, but Agawam was able to pound out more hits and defeated Westfield American 9-6 to win a rematch against Westfield National.

Prior to this season, Westfield's two all-star entries were called Westfield North and Westfield

Agawam's 11-12 All-Stars had the best playoff among the all-star teams entered in this year's tournaments.

The 9-10 All-Stars were the victim of a tiebreaker with Belchertown and Westfield and did not advance to the district playoffs despite a 3-1 pool play record.

Westfield National went on in the 11-12 tournament to host the District 1 champions.

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Laine Page comes up throwing for Agawam.



Shortstop Nate Mateus delivers a throw to



Pitcher Connor Twohig fires in the third in-

### Agawam drops heartbreaker to end season

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – It was a fitting exit for the Agawam Post 185 American Legion baseball team as they were defeated by Amherst Post 148 in the opening round of the American Legion District Playoffs.

Agawam lost 10-9 against Am-

series of many this season for the young team.

Agawam, which plays in Zone 3A, had a 3-15 season, but had several one-run losses that typically occurred in their final at-bat. They finished just one game behind West Springfield, a team they defeated during the final week of the season.

Post 185 was unable to push

herst, another one-run defeat in a across that extra run as Amherst, which went 8-10 and was seeded eighth during the American Legion season for the playoffs.

Agawam had the bottom seed of the play-in portion of the playoffs.

With the loss, Agawam's season ends at 3-16.

Amherst was re-seeded for the second round of the play-in games and will fight for the ability to

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### ASHFORD ADVANCES TO NEXT ROUND



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HARTFORD, Conn. - Landon Ashford, 7, of Feeding Hills won the 7-9 age group for the USGA Drive Chip and Putt golf contest held at Goodwin Park Golf Club. Accompanied by his caddy and grandfather, John Hyland, Landon came in first in the putting and finished first overall. Landon now moves on to the sub-regional round held at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn., on July 30.

### **Brownies challenging for PVSSL top spot**

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - The Agawam A Boys Summer Soccer team is taking an aim at the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League tournament this season and are almost all the way to clinched a playoff spot with a 6-1 record with three games

Agawam suffered just their first loss of the summer against Belchertown on Monday 2-1.

In the matchup, Anthony Sciartelli scored the lone goal on

a header to put Agawam on the board. But Belchertown got a goal on a re-direct and then took advantage of a breakaway that Agawam coach Joe Sciartelli says appeared to be an offsides call that should be made.

With the loss, Agawam stands tied for third place in the A Division, their first big run at the playoffs in the past three years. Sciartelli said he has a group of committed players this summer, and believes getting more players back from other summer activities could make the team even better in the next two weeks.

"We have looked great so far this summer," said Sciartelli. "I don't think there is a team that has outplayed us so far."

"We still have some players that are missing from the team because they are playing other summer sports like baseball. We are hoping to get them back heading towards the playoffs to see if they can help

Agawam has been getting great play on the midfield and attack lines by Brodie Keene and Kris

"I moved Kris to the midfield Please see PVSSL, page 13

### HUSKIES TAKE ON ALL COMERS



Second baseman Tim Jodoin (21) bends down to field a grounder



Shortstop Matt Burke (37) makes a long throw across the diamond to first base.

SPRINGFIELD - The Agawam Huskies battled in the WMSBCA Pee Wee Reese B State Tournament last weekend.



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Pitcher Garrett Daly (15) makes a delivery to home

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move on to a best-of-three series in the District 2 playoffs. Agawam had a tough season overall by their win-loss record, but was able to establish a more cohesive baseball team and introduce a younger concept for many of the players involved in the summer program.

Coaches Brian Regnier and Frank Destefano abandoned the traditional format of having many upper classmen and first-year post-graduates play on the team and went with largely a group of underclassmen.

The approach to the team was to give more players atbats, innings to pitch, and innings in the field to increase their repetitions and prepare them for the next high school season. Many of Agawam's plays on this year's roster were

other little-used varsity players or junior varsity players. "We were looking to help make these kids better and give them a chance to play baseball," said Regnier.

Agawam was blown out of a few games early in the season, but found themselves in every game they played in throughout the year.

In the final week of the regular season, Agawam lost to Longmeadow, 9-7, Amherst, 4-1, and Westfield, 12-8. Post 185 also scored a defeat against West Springfield.

Unfortunately, Agawam will not be moving forward in the playoffs, which were changed this year to include every team in the district. The new playoff system includes a series of at least two play-in games for every team but the top four seeds in the tournament.

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position and he and Brodie have been great at creating a lot of opportunities for the team to score," said Sciartelli.

The coach said his team has had great turnouts for most of the games, something that had been lacking in the past few seasons.

"The last few years, the team was getting maybe nine or 10 players for each game," said Sciartelli. "This year, we have been getting 15 or 16 players a game most of the time."

The bigger tests for this summer are still to come. Agawam was scheduled to face Amherst's A team on Wednesday and next week, the final week of the regular season, they will face Ludlow. Ludlow is also a contender for the summer league playoffs, and enjoy playing in their hometown of Ludlow in the finals held at Lusitano Stadium.

Amherst is currently a perfect 7-0 along with Belchertown. Agawam and Ludlow share matching 6-1 records. Hampshire is down the line at 4-2.

Agawam next plays on Monday hosting Ludlow at 6:30 p.m. at Agawam High School.

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### GOLF CALENDAR

#### Agawam High School Athletics to host 20th Annual **Golf Tournament in September**

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department invites the public to save the date and participate in its 20th annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 27 at Oak Ridge Country Club.

This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School programs. Student athletes do not pay fees at Agawam High School as some do in other communities. Please join us for an enjoyable day and support a good cause.

Specific details/information will be released soon. If you would like to participate as a golfer or sponsor, or donate a raffle prize, please contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic Office at 821-0529 or at dstratton@agawampublicschools. org.

#### ACCGS golfers to tee one up July 14

SPRINGFIELD - The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick will be the setting for the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield's (ACCGS) 2014 Golf Tournament on July 14.

Built in 2001 on a former country retreat of the Crane Paper Company, the Damien Pascuzzo-designed course has been called a "modern classic" by LINKS Magazine. The "cerebral, sporty, tournament-worthy course" meanders through a mixture of open meadows and woodlands, interspersed with beautiful water features making the course memorable and challenging.

The par 72, 7,100-yard course is a challenge to any golfer with "blurred distinctions" between the fairways and greens fronts, a "ragged and blow-out style on the far edge, smoothly finished on the near edge," and diverse bunkers throughout the course. It has been consistently ranked as one of the Top 5 Places to Play by Golf Magazine and listed in the Top 10 Best in the State by Golf Digest since its opening in 2002.

The tournament will kickoff with registration and practice on one of the course's six target greens, two pitching

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# **American Legion Post 351 South Hadley Sporting Club 34th Annual Catfish Derby**

SOUTH HADLEY - It's catfish derby time. The 34th Annual Catfish Derby, sponsored by the American Legion Post 351 and the SHSC, will be held July 18 at 6 p.m. through 2 p.m. on July 20.

Participants may fish anywhere on the Connecticut River or its tributaries. Fish must be legally caught and weighed in alive at the weigh in station: Post 351, 50 St. Kolbe Drive, Holyoke. Weigh in times: Friday, July 18 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. through Sunday,

July 20 ending at 2 p.m. Weigh in station is open around the clock.

Anglers are encouraged to call the derby hotline number at 413-539-4086 during the derby to get the weights of the current top 20 catfish.

There are 20 money prizes for the 20 heaviest catfish and two door prizes totaling \$1,425. Prize money and trophies will be awarded for the Adult (ages 15 and up) and Junior (ages 14 and under) divisions. The Junior division is automatically included for the money awards as well. Food, snacks, and refreshments will be available for sale during the weigh in times and at the distribution of awards at the close of the derby at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are still only \$10. T-shirts are \$10 and baseball hats are \$5. No tickets will be sold after 6 p.m. on July 18. One winner per ticket. Tickets may be purchased at: American Legion Post 351, Action Marine both in Holyoke, Easthampton Feed in Easthampton, Pipione's in Greenfield, R &

R Sports in Belchertown, Granby Bait in Granby, Red Bridge in Ludlow, B & G in Westfield, Egg & I, Marier Enterprises in Palmer, Easthampton Rod & Gun Club in Easthampton, South Hadley Sporting Club in South Hadley, Pioneer Valley Sportsman's in West Springfield, Mitch's Marina in Hadley, B & G Hunters Pub in Chicopee.

For distant travelers and/or additional information, please email post351catfishderby@yahoo.com or visit our website www.post351catfishderby.com.

Wear your 2014 Catfish Derby T-shirt for free admission including free food, snacks, music, raffle, and refreshments (beer and soda) at the T-shirt party held Sept. 6, 2 to 6 p.m.

#### 2014 Catfish Derby News

This year's derby is dedicated to the past Derby VP Mark Hatten (husband of Lisa (Partyka) Hatten.

Mass State Pin Applications will be available at the weigh in station during the derby.

The 2013 Derby was a great success as we were able to donate over \$1,500 to families of special needs children, Shriners Hospital, Will Foundation, and to Jericho House in Holyoke

Families of special needs children may contact the derby for donation consideration by Oct. 15.

Special thanks for the support of this non-profit event for the children. "Let's Go Fishin."

# Pioneers set to join ASL

New league to start play late summer

#### **By Tim Peterson**

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW - From 1998 until 2009, the Western Mass. Pioneers competed as a professional soccer club. The Pioneers captured the USL-2 championship title in 1999 before more than 5,000 fans at historic Lusitano Stadium. They were also finalist in 2005.

During the past five years, the Pioneers competed in the PDL Northeast Division, which is made up of mostly college players, but they'll be returning to the professional ranks again this fall.

Steve Scott, who's the Pioneers executive director of soccer operations, announced that the Pioneers will be one of the eight teams joining the new American Soccer League (ASL) at a press conference held during an East of the River Five Town Chamber of Commerce member appreciation event last Wednesday night at the Stadium.

"We just waited for the right opportunity," Scott said. "There have been several professional leagues that popped up during the past five or six years, but those leagues didn't make very much sense for us financially. This league does make a lot of sense for us because its lower cost and we'll be able to promote our players."

The Western Mass. Pioneers professional Soccer Club will be playing 10 matches in the fall and ten more matches early next spring before the start of the PDL season.

The Pioneers, who'll be holding tryouts for the professional team in early August, are scheduled to begin the regular season at home against rival Mass. United of Lynn at 7 p.m. on Aug. 30. The Pioneers other home games this fall, which will all begin at 7 p.m., are against Atlantic City (Sept. 20), Rhode Island (Sept. 23), Newark (Oct. 11) and Icon Football Club of Montville, N.J. (Oct. 25).

The other two members of the ASL are the Philadelphia Fury, and the Evergreen Diplomats of Northern Virginia.

Matt Driver, who's originally from Scotland, is the CEO/ President of the ASL. He also spoke at the press confer-

It wasn't Driver's first visit to Lusitano Stadium. He was the head coach of the South Jersey Barons, which lost to the Pioneers, 1-0, in the 1999 championship match.

"We really wanted a marquee name to join our new league and the Pioneers are that team. We're thrilled that they decided to join our new league," Driver said. "We used to have fierce battles with these guys on the field, but they're real gentlemen off the field. This isn't like your typical American soccer club. This place is usually jumping whenever they're playing a match."

One of the unique things about the ASL is that they'll be a total of eight American players on the field during every match.

"We've had hundreds of players contact our league looking for an opportunity to play professionally," Driver added. "Every team will have eight American players on the field, which will be a positive thing for our league."



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Pioneers chairman Stephen Scott presents American Soccer League CEO Matt Driver with a Pioneers banner.

Each team will also have its own salary cap.

The general manager of the Pioneers professional soccer club is Greg Kolodziey, who's also the G.M. of the Pioneers PDL team and the boys' varsity soccer coach at Ludlow High School.

Federico Molinari, who has coached the PDL team the past three years, will be coaching the professional team this

"I think it's going to be a very good experience for the club and I'm very happy to be a part of it," said Molinari, who also was a player on the Pioneers previous professional team. "Putting a new soccer team together is always very challenging, but we're going to work very hard to be successful. We have several players on the PDL team who are older than 23 and I'm hoping that they'll try out for the Pro team."

Pioneers President Celso Correia is very happy that Molinari will be coaching the pro soccer team this fall.

"Federico was a very good soccer player for us and he has a passion for the sport," said Correia, who was inducted into the New England Soccer Hall of Fame last November. "He has done a very good job coaching our PDL team the past couple of years.

There should be a lot of exciting action on Saturday nights at Lusitano Stadium this fall.

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# Parks & Rec hosting Red Sox trips

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is running two trips to Fenway this summer. Registration has begun and will be taken on a first

For more information on these trips please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 413-821-0513.

Boston Red Sox versus Houston Astros, Friday, Aug. 15, Section 26. Cost is \$104 per person.

The bus will leave from the Agawam High School three hours before game time.

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come first serve basis.

greens or its pitching nets at 10:30 a.m. A course-side lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until noon, with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Golfers will enjoy a scramble format, hole in one contests sponsored by Teddy Bear Pools & Spas, Rocky's Ace Hardware and Hampden Bank; longest drive and closest to the line competitions; a putting contest sponsored by Chicopee Savings Bank, and an opportunity to win from a wide selection of raffle prizes, including Red Sox tickets, a Waterford golf ball, hotels stay, gift cards and more. The day will conclude with a reception, buffet dinner and awards ceremony.

Sponsorship levels for every budget are available, from the premiere presenting sponsor level to 18 flag sponsor levels which reward sponsors with a keepsake personalized pin flag to the budget-friendly tee sponsor level. Sponsors include Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, Florence Savings Bank, YMCA of Greater Springfield, Bar & Barr, Inc. and Bacon Wilson P.C.

The tournament entry fee is \$600 per foursome (individual golfers are welcome at \$150) and includes greens fees, cart, lunch sponsored by the MassMutual Center, reception and souvenir photo sponsored by Eastfield Mall. Non-golfers may attend just the reception for \$30 per person.

For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Member Services Director Cecile Larose at larose@myonlinechamber.com or 413-755-1313. To register for the tournament, visit the ACCGS website at www.myonlinechamber.com or contact Larose by email.





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Weekdays - Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 8 a.m.

Thursday - Communion Service



#### OTICES & SERVICES

Giovaninni, Michelle T. Died July 4, 2014 Memorial Service July 19. 2014 Church in the Acres Springfield

Green, Joseph T., Jr. Died July 12, 2014 Funeral July 17, 2014 Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home

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- 1. Matakam 5. "Cat in the Hat" doctor
- 10. Norwegian sea inlets 12. Last (Spanish)
- 14. Ron Paul's party 16. E. Canadian province 48. Seized
- 18. Leg (slang)
- 19. Fit out 20. Czech Pres. Vaclav
- 22. Poorly lit 23. Satisfies
- 25. 9th Greek letter
- 26. Callaway on NYSE
- 27. 1/1000 inch
- 28. Chair position 30. Women's \_\_\_ move-
- ment 31. Roman = to Greek satvr
- 33. Cause to be senseless **CLUES DOWN**
- 35. Saudi peoples

37. Jazzman James

40. Mailed

41. Complete

44. Consume

45. Macaws

42. Atomic #105

53. Lunar crater

55. Even golf score

57. 36 inches (abbr.)

58. FOX late night host

63. Huck's friend Tom

65. Word derived from

67. Popular beef BBQ

a name

66. Lonestar state

38. Coat of a mammal

50. Dog-\_\_\_: very worn

52. Confederate soldier

1. Crowd together

- 3. 32nd President 4. Stellar
  - 5. Rises rapidly

2. They \_

- 6. Lilly, drug company
- 7. Where the Jazz play 8. Egyptian desert
- 9. Postgraduate engineering degree
- 10. Thrash
- 11. NBC late night host
- 56. 007 author Flemming 13. A singular occurrence
  - 15. Small island (British) 17. Lacking firmness
  - 18. Haiti monetary unit (abbr.)
  - 21. Done willingly 23. Moral transgression
  - 24. Kin relation

  - 27. Mulwi or Munjuk 29. 4th Jewish month
- 61. Fireplace warming shelf

32. Camel or goat hair

34. Negation of a word

43. Scholarly composi-

35. Unemotionality

39. East northeast

40. Melancholy

tions

44. Ghostlier

46. Kingdom

47. Airborne (abbr.)

51. Raced on foot

genus

59. Main

54. African antelope

49. Eurasian herb weed

60. Nigerian instrument

fabric

36. Recharges

- 62. American coin society
- 64. Indicates position

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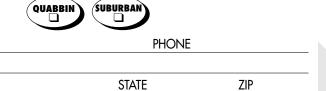
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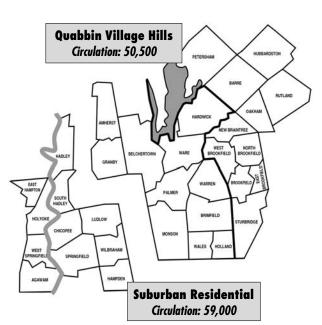
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#### Saturday, July 19

THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, features karaoke every Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.

#### Sunday, July 20

THE FIRST MASSACHUSETTS LYME RUN will take place beginning at Take 5 Restaurant, 994 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. It will be 40 miles from start to finish and will include motorcycles and cars. For more information, contact LHines6282gmail.com, Erosati@aol.com, or visit the Facebook page.

A FREE BREAKFAST ON THE LAWN is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m. at Hope Community Church located at 152 South

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THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.

#### Tuesday, July 22

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie ("Nebraska") at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND, located in Holyoke's Heritage State Park, once again offers "2 for Tuesdays" where two riders can ride for the price of one. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit ww.holyokemerrygoround.org.

#### Wednesday, July 23

"BUILT FOR COMFORT" will perform at the free SummerFest concert scheduled for 7 p.m. on Veterans Green, 689 Main St., in front of Phelps Elementary School. In case of rain, it will be moved to the air-conditioned auditorium at the Agawam Junior High School at 1305 Springfield St.

THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, offers Trivia Night every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. The public is invited to come

as one or as a team. Subjects include general knowledge, sports, history, music and more. Prizes awarded.

WEDNESDAYS AT THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND, located in Holyoke's Heritage State Park, are "Senior" days, when seniors can ride all day for just \$2 and when their grandchildren accompany them, they can ride for just \$1 each per ride. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

#### Thursday, July 24

LUNCHTIME LYRICS will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. Corlene Roberts returns for her fourth season and will play her guitar at this free event. The public is invited to bring a lunch and enjoy some mid-day music.

WESTFIELD MUSICFEST continues its free summer concert series at Park Square in the center of Westfield at 7:30 p.m. with country artist Natalie Stovall and her band, The Drive. along with The Lost Trailers. For more information and rain information, visit www.westfieldmusicfest.com and www.the-districtwestfield.com.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield. will host "Triple Threat," as part of its A Little Night Music concert series at 6 p.m. It is free and open to the public; food donations accepted. For more information and a complete listing of concerts, visit www. trinityspringfield.org.

#### **UPCOMING AND ONGOING**

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will host

a blood drive Friday, July 25, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Dept., 800 Main St. Blood and platelet donations are needed every day for patients with many serious medical conditions. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

A FALLSFEST MUSIC FESTIVAL will take place Saturday, July 26, at Beachgrounds Park, 116 Main St., South Hadley Falls. The event is free but non-perishable food items for Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry are welcome. For more information, visit www.shfallsfest.com or call (413) 219-5577.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND will celebrate "Christmas in July," on Saturday, July 26. Santa will arrive between noon and 3 p.m. and will have treats for everyone. "Maggie the Clown" will be making candy cane balloon sculptures and will also have other surprises from 1:30-3:30 p.m. This event is free and open to everyone with rides just \$2 each per person.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, Aug. 13, at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

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